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## PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Atty. Docket: 8266-1126

Applicants: Zerhusen et al.

Title: BED SIDERAILS
HAVING FLEXIBLE PORTIONS

Serial No.: 10/644,122

Filed: August 20, 2003

Examiner: Lee, Jong Suk

Group: 3673

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Dated: December 8, 2004

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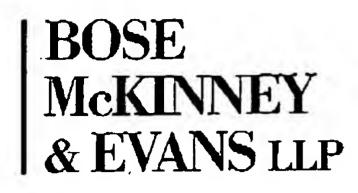
Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 8, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for the Examiner's consideration.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

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TOTAL CLAIMS	(37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	28	28	0	\$18	\$0
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 which may be required during the prosecution of this application, or credit of any overpayment, to Bose McKinney & Evans LLP's Deposit Account No. 02-3223. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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